

November 14, 2008

Dear Kansas Organic Producer, Handler or Certifier:

USDA's Agriculture Marketing Service notified us that the National Organic Certification Cost-Share Program Agreement 12-25-A-4999 provides Kansas with \$40,000 for cost-share assistance to organic producers or handlers who receive certification, or continue certification, from October 1, 2008, to September 30, 2009.

Under our new agreement with USDA, and as long as funds remain available, we are able to reimburse producers and handlers up to 75 percent of the cost of organic certification up to \$750, for certification occurring between October 1, 2008, and September 30, 2009.

To receive cost-share funds, you must complete the 2008-2009 Kansas Organic Certification Cost-Share Program Application and submit it with a copy of your organic certification document and an invoice showing the amount you paid for the certification.

I have enclosed the application form for your convenience.

If you have questions, please call Stacey Woolington at (785) 296-3230.

Sincerely,

Adrian J. Polansky Secretary of Agriculture

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Enclosure